

# I AM NAVY MEDICINE: HOSPITAL CORPSMAN 1ST CLASS JESUS ALBARRAN

Story by Petty Officer 3rd Class Meagan Christoph

The leading petty officer (LPO) of the Family Medicine Department at Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton, Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jesus Albarran, was named Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SSOQ) for the first quarter Jan. 24, 2020.



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Jesus Albarran poses for a photo in the Navy Medicine Readiness and Training Command (NMRTC) Bremerton's Nuclear Medicine department Feb. 3, 2020. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Meagan Christoph/Released)

In an all-hands email Capt. Shannon J. Johnson, commanding officer of NMRTC Bremerton, wrote the NMRTC Bremerton Chiefs Mess said the competition was particularly fierce this year and full of highly talented and qualified nominees.

"Thank you to my leadership for giving me the opportunity to lead Sailors and my junior Sailors for allowing me to lead them," said Albarran. "This accomplishment would not have happened without their support."

Albarran, from Houston, graduated from Douglas MacArthur Senior High School in 2003. He completed an Associate's degree in healthcare management from Coastline Community College in 2019.

He joined the Navy in 2003 with the intent on serving and being part of Navy Medicine.

"I have always wanted to be in the medical field and being able to do it while serving this country was just an added bonus," said Albarran.

Navy Medicine has taken Albarran on two tours in Pensacola, Fla., one tour in Jacksonville, Fla., Nuclear Medicine School in Portsmouth, Va., and now assigned to NMRTC Bremerton.

Albarran described his favorite assignment as one where he was able to develop as a leader.

“The best assignment so far is Naval Hospital Pensacola,” said Albarran. “I was the directorate LPO for Clinical Support Services. That is where I learned to be the leader I am now.”

When asked to describe the best part about his career in Navy Medicine, Albarran responded,

“Being able to lead junior Sailors and watching them go off to do amazing things with their careers.”

He explained that his assignment contributes towards the Navy surgeon general’s top priority on operational readiness because, “our job here in Family Medicine is to ensure our active duty members are healthy to go out and support the mission.”

When asked to sum up his experience with Navy Medicine, Albarran replied, “Always give 100 percent and never take anything for granted.”